

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 6

17th November
2009

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Week Six already and there are a number of outings and activities taking place over the next five weeks, so please read our dairy of events section carefully.

Next week all classes and all children will take part in a Beach Education Day. We see this as a vital part of our outdoor education programme.

It shows children how the beach can be fun but also that it can be dangerous, and right from a young age it is important children are aware of how to have fun in the outdoors, but to know when they are putting themselves in danger.

We don't want children who are afraid to challenge themselves in the outdoors but, equally we don't want children who have no idea of managing risks and keeping themselves safe. This is where 'Beach Education' is an excellent programme as it empowers our pupils from a young age to make good informed decisions about how to act in the outdoors.

Have a great week.

Regards, Mike Brosnahan

Welcome to St Mary's

New Entrants: Shannya MacRae-Platten, Kayla Wilson, Devon Scott, and Chloe Alexander.



11/11/09 Armistice Day

We gathered by our school plaque to acknowledge our gratitude for all those who served during war time to allow us the peace we now have.



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Teacher Only Day

To enable schools to meet their legal requirements to begin to implement the new national curriculum all schools were allocated two teacher only days to be used in 2008 or 2009. The Board of Trustees of St Mary's School has granted us permission to take our final Teacher Only Day on Friday 18th December. This is the day after the Final Mass and Prize-giving for our leaving Year Eight Pupils. It is felt that taking the teachers only day on this day would not inconvenience parents and would allow the teachers to dedicate a day to finishing off our implementation of the new curriculum and to begin to play out how best to encapsulate the new National Standards in our school's vision.

2010 Term Dates

Term 1 - 2nd Feb - 1st April
Term 2 - 19th April - 2nd July
Term 3 - 19th July - 24th September
Term 4 - 11th October - 17th Dec (approx)

Reminder BNZ School Banking

School banking is collected from the school office on Wednesdays.

Website

St Mary's School website is
<http://www.stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz/>

On this site we are posting a calendar of events; a newsletter page where you can read or print out your own copy of the newsletter; contact details; and a page where you can view class wikis and blogs. I hope you get an opportunity to view the site and please give us feedback.

Thought for the Week ...

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

Joseph Addison

Altar Servers: 22nd November
Karen McNeilly, Tayla Masson, Emma Anderton.

Calendar Orders will go home today. Children are working the art in their classrooms. The cost is Calendar \$8.50 each , or Cards - \$9 per pack.

Looking Ahead: Term 4

November

17th Athletic Championships
20th Rms 5/6 Class Mass at 9.15am
24th Rooms 5 & 6 Beach Ed Day
25th Room 7 Beach Ed Day
26th Rooms 3 & 4 Beach Ed Day
27th Rooms 1 & 2 Beach Ed Day

December

2nd **First Reconciliation 7pm**

Holy Cross - please note change of date.

3rd Mufti Day
10th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
14th School Production Matinee
14th Kavanagh Pantomime 9am
15th PTA -Thank you BBQ lunch provided for children
16th School Production 7pm
17th End of Year Mass **6pm***
18th Teacher Only Day

School T Shirt Stock Take



So as to ascertain whether we need to purchase a new set of school sports T-shirts, we need to have a stock take of all the current number of T- shirts that we hold. To this end we need all pupils who **do not** play a summer sport for our school e.g, touch or T-ball, to **return their T-shirts to their class teacher** as soon as possible.

Pupils who are playing a summer sport but have more than one T-shirt need to select the one that fits them best and return the other(s) to their class teacher. Once summer sports are finished for the year all remaining T-shirts need to be handed in.